

[English]

Nomination of State Police Service Officers to IPS.

537. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of officers of various State Police Services in the country promoted to the cadre of I.P.S.;

(b) whether the aforesaid percentage of promotions is met well in time every year; and

(c) whether officers belonging to various State Police Services' cadre have submitted any representation to the Union Government to enhance this percentage and if so, the steps being taken by the Government to enhance this percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The quota fixed for promotion of State Police Service Officers to the Indian Police Service is 33.33% of the authorised strength of Senior Duty Posts and Central Deputation Reserve in the respective cadres except in the case of Jammu & Kashmir where the promotion quota is 50% at present which is valid upto 30.4.92.

(b) The promotion quota is generally utilised fully.

(c) The Union Government have so far not received any representation from any member of the State Police Service to enhance this percentage.

Telecom Facilities Between India and other Countries

538. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecommunication fa-

cilities existing between India and other countries need improvement; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in that direction?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, sir. During the last 5 years a number of steps have been taken to improve international telecommunication facilities between India and other countries. These are:

1. Four digital electronic gateway exchanges have been installed—one each at Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Calcutta during 1990-91 and 1991-92.
2. New Satellite Earth Stations (F.2 type) have been installed at Bombay and Calcutta.
3. The capacities of the old satellite earth stations at Arvi (near Poona) and Dehradun have been expanded.
4. Gateway packet Switch has been installed at Bombay for providing international data service.
5. A number of new services like (i) Electronic Mail, (ii) Store and Forward FAX, (iii) Home Country Direct Service have been introduced.

At present ISD (International Subscriber Dialling) service is available from more than 1200 cities in India to destination in 210 foreign countries. International Telex facility is also available for 214 countries to all the telex subscribers in the country.

Improvement of Telecom services is a continuing process. During the 8th plan, it is proposed to further suitably augment the